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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2017 Grand Jury

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Case No.

### <u>INDICTMENT</u>

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 371 -Conspiracy; Title 42, U.S.C., Sec. 6928(d)(1) - Illegal Transportation of Hazardous Waste; Title 42, U.S.C., Sec. 6928(d)(5)-Transportation of Hazardous Waste Without a Manifest; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding and Abetting

The grand jury charges:

Defendants.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

LUNAR LOUSSIA (2),

NADIA MALLOIAN (3).

Plaintiff,

#### INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

- 1. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") enacted in 1976 to insure that all hazardous waste generated in the United States was managed in a manner that would minimize the threat to human health and the environment. 42 USC § 6902(b).
- 2. At all times relevant herein, under the authority provided by RCRA, the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") established a cradle to grave tracking system for tracking hazardous waste. EPA regulations require generators of hazardous waste to prepare a hazardous waste

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manifest to transport hazardous waste from their site. A hazardous waste manifest is a form used for identifying the quantity, composition, and the origin, routing, and destination of hazardous waste during its transportation from the point of generation to the point of disposal, treatment, or storage. 42 USC § 6903(12). The manifest form is in triplicate, and is to be signed by the generator, transporter and disposal site, as the waste progresses throughout its journey. When the waste reaches its final destination, a copy of the completed manifest is to be sent to both the generator and the regulatory authorities to demonstrate that the waste was properly managed. EPA regulations require that the EPA identification numbers of the generator, transporter and disposal site appear on the manifest.

- 3. At all times relevant herein, EPA regulations required that all sites where hazardous waste is disposed of must have a valid permit for such activity.
- 4. At all times relevant herein, defendant WELLGREENSCA, INC. ("Wellgreens") was engaged in the business of extracting oils from cannabis at a location on Trade Street in San Diego, California. As part of the manufacturing process, Wellgreens generated various wastes, including 55-gallon drums of waste ethanol. The waste ethanol generated by Wellgreens was a federally regulated hazardous waste that exhibited the characteristic of ignitability, because it had a flashpoint of less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 5. At all times relevant herein, defendant LUNAR LOUSSIA was one of the owners of Wellgreens, and was present at the site on a regular basis to oversee the facility.

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6. At all times relevant herein, defendant NADIA MALLOIAN was an administrator at Wellgreens, and was present at the site on a daily basis to facilitate day-to-day operations.

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#### Count 1

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## Conspiracy (18 USC §371)

6 ! 7 7. Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Introductory Allegations are incorporated as if set forth in full herein.

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and continuing up to and including on or about June 8, 2018, within the

Beginning on or about at least as early as November of 2017

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Southern District of California, defendants WELLGREENSCA, INC., LUNAR

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LOUSSIA and NADIA MALLOIAN did conspire and agree together and with R.U.

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and others to commit offenses against the laws of the United States, to

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- wit:
- a. To knowingly transport a hazardous waste to an

unpermitted site, in violation of Title 42, United States Code,

- Section 6928(d)(1); and
- 17 b. To knowingly transport or cause to be transported
- 18 hazardous waste without a manifest, where regulations required a
- 19 manifest, in violation of Title 42, United States Code,
- 20 | Section 6928(d)(5).
- 9. As a method and means of the conspiracy, the defendants
- 22 | telephoned R.U. (deceased), a refuse hauler not licensed to transport
- 23 | hazardous waste, and requested that he come to their facility to remove
- 24 waste, including drums of spent ethanol. Defendants paid R.U. and his
- 25 assistants in cash for the disposal of the drums, in an amount
- 26 | approximately half the cost of lawful disposal. No invoices, manifests,
- 27 | receipts or other paperwork associated with these transactions was
- 28 | prepared by any party.

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- 10. In furtherance of said conspiracy, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California:

for information about the disposal of the hazardous waste generated at

the facility, defendant LUNAR LOUSSIA sent an email stating "I'll handle

3 drums of waste ethanol from the Wellgreens facility on Trade Street

in San Diego and dumped them at Hill Street in El Cajon, without a

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transported 10 drums of waste ethanol from the Wellgreens facility on

Trade Street in San Diego and dumped them at the intersection of

California state routes 52 and 125, without a hazardous waste manifest.

On or about December 26, 2017, defendant NADIA MALLOIAN

On or about January 10, 2018, defendant NADIA MALLOIAN

On or about January 30, 2018, in response to a request

On or about February 6 and 7, 2018, an employee of

On or about February 7, 2018, co-conspirators transported

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On or about March 23, 2018, defendant NADIA MALLIOAN

On or about April 30, 2018, defendant NADIA MALLIOAN

2019, co-conspirators

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- On or about May 1, 2018, co-conspirators transported

defendant WELLGREENSCA, INC., telephoned R.U.

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- 4 drums of waste ethanol from the Wellgreens facility on Trade Street
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in San Diego and dumped them at the intersection of California state routes 52 and 125, without a hazardous waste manifest.

- j. On or about May 4, 2018, co-conspirators transported 4 drums of waste ethanol from the Wellgreens facility on Trade Street in San Diego to Jamacha Road in El Cajon, without a hazardous waste manifest.
- k. On or about May 17, 2018, co-conspirators transported 4 drums of waste ethanol from the Wellgreens facility on Trade Street in San Diego to Avocado Avenue in El Cajon, without a hazardous waste manifest.
- 1. On or about June 8, 2018, co-conspirators transported 3 drums of waste ethanol from the Wellgreens facility on Trade Street in San Diego to Logan Avenue in San Diego, without a hazardous waste manifest.
- 15 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

#### Counts 2-6

# Illegal Transportation of Hazardous Waste (42 USC §6928(d)(1)

- 11. Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Introductory Allegations are incorporated as if set forth in full herein.
- 12. On or about the dates set forth below in Column B, defendants WELLGREENSCA, INC., LUNAR LOUSSIA and NADIA MALLOIAN did knowingly transport and cause to be transported hazardous waste, to wit, drums of waste ethanol having the characteristic of ignitability, set forth below in Column C, to a facility without a permit under this subchapter, as described below in Column D:
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Count	Date	# of drums	Location
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
2	2-7-18	3'	1350 Hill Street, El Cajon
3	5-1-18	4	Intersection of SR 125 and SR 52
4	5-4-18	4	171 Jamacha Road, El Cajon
5	5-17-18	4	1201 Avocado Avenue, El Cajon
6	6-8-18	3	5075 Logan Avenue, San Diego

All in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 6928(d)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

#### Counts 7-11

# Transportation of Hazardous Waste Without a Manifest (42 USC §6928(d)(5)

- 13. Paragraphs 1 through 6 of the Introductory Allegations are incorporated as if set forth in full herein.
- 14. On or about the dates set forth below in Column B, defendants WELLGREENSCA, INC., LUNAR LOUSSIA and NADIA MALLOIAN did knowingly transport and cause to be transported hazardous waste, to wit, drums of waste ethanol having the characteristic of ignitability, set forth below in Column C, without a manifest, which were required by regulation to be transported with a manifest:

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9	5-4-18	4
10	5-17-18	4
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All in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 6928(d)(5), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

DATED: June 27, 2019.

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